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The undersigned, Committee on Town Accounts, respectfully submit the following Report, as the result of their investigations :

Benjamin Whipple, Tax Collector, in account with the Town.

March 6, 1863.	Dr.
To balance on hand as per report of last year,	201 50
" less amount paid,	158 97
Balance due for taxes, 1861, uncollected,	42 53
" Tax Bill of 1862,	7542 42
Total,	$ 7584 95
Cr.	
By paid State Tax, in full,	595 20
" " County " " "	1052 00
" " Town " " "	5500 00
" " Services of Collector, 1862,	60 00
" " Expenses,	1 64
" Balance due the Town,	376 11
Total,	$ 7584 95

George Olcott, Treasurer, in account with the Town.

March 6, 1863.	Dr.
To Cash paid by Collector Piper,	31 37
" " " " " Baker,	3 73
" " " " " Whipple,	5500 00
" " " " " " on old account,	185 97
" " for Literary Fund,	134 73
" " " Town Farm,	518 47
" " " County Paupers,	868 43
" " " Rent of Town House,	20 00
" " " Railroad,	120 55
" " " State for Volunteers,	552 65
" " borrowed of Jennison Hubbard,	1500 00
" " " Conn. River Savings Bank,	800 00
" " paid by the town of Hindsdale,	29 47
" " " for Outstanding Orders, this year,	57 15
Total,	$ 17495 54

Cr.	
By Cash paid for support of Schools,	1606 38
" " Roads and Bridges,	369 00
" " Town Paupers,	677 64
" " County Paupers,	589 94
" " Town Farm,	930 16
" " Incidentals,	404 80
" " Cemeteries.	61 25
" " Town Officers,	228 75
" " Volunteers,	10318 50
" " Treasurer, balance due last year,	1135 24
" " Interest on Drafts for 1862,	94 90
" " Outstanding Orders, 1862,	29 48
" " Cash on hand,	1050 50
Total,	$ 17495 54

Aaron Clark, Town Farm Agent, in account with the Town.

March 6, 1863.	Dr.
To Cash received for sales from the Farms,	315 95
" balance due him,	256 33
Total,	472 28

Cr.	
By amount of his bill rendered,	127 29
" his salary,	275 00
" Cash paid Town Treasurer,	69 99
Total,	$ 472 28

Town Farm, in account with the Town.

March 6, 1863.	Dr.	
To personal property, as per last report,	1773	82
" Interest on the same,	106	44
" " " Town Farm,	180	00
" Agent's Salary,	275	00
" Cash paid from the Town Treasury,	576	55
" Sundries paid to Farm Agent,	127	29
Total,	$ 3039	10

Cr.		
By Personal Property on the Farm,	1765	18
" Cash received of the County,	335	03
" " paid into Treasury,	518	47
" " from sales,	215	95
" Improvements and Repairs,	100	00
" Balance,	104	47
Total,	$ 3039	10

Charles E. Richardson, Liquor Agent, in account with the Town.

March 6, 1863.	Dr.	
To Cash received for Sales of Liquor,	351	02
" " " " Casks,	7	13
Total,	358	15

Cr.		
By Cash paid for Liquors,	216	28
" " " Freight,	11	21
" " " U. S. Tax,	20	00
" " " Services,	50	00
" " on hand,	60	66
Total,	$ 358	15

Liquor Agency in account with the Town.

March 6, 1863.	Dr.	
To Liquors on hand, March 1, 1863,	174	78
" Cash "	5	34
" " "	2	42
" Interest on the same,	10	95
Total,	$193	49

CR.

By Liquors now on hand,	61	06
" Casks " "	4	86
" Cash in hands of Agent,	60	66
" Balance loss	66	91
Total,	$193	49

Geo. Olcott, for Disbursing Agent of Soldiers' Fund.

March 6, 1863. DR.

To paid thirty Bounties of $100 each,	3000	00
" twenty-six Bounties of $150 each,	3900	00
" Town Aid to March 1, 1863, to 27 Families,	1484	22
" To State Aid advanced to Mar. 1, '63, to 24 Families,	1303	43
" Balance due the Town,	112	35
Total,	$9800	00

CR.

By Cash received of Selectmen,	$9800	00

There is still in the hands of the Agent, State and Town Aid of the above amount, not called for, $213 65

In addition to the above amount of $9800, the Soldiers' Fund Committee have drawn from the Treasury $518 50, which sum they have expended for the benefit of Soldiers and their Families.

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

Note due J. J. Hubbard,	1000	00
" " "	1500	00
" David Holton,	600	00
" C. C. Sumner,	1060	00
" Conn. River Savings Bank,	8000	00
Literary Fund,	134	73
Swan Fund,	133	33
Due Town Farm Agent,	256	33
" the several School Districts,	341	04
Total,	$13025	43

PROPERTY OF THE TOWN.

Town Farm,	3000 00
Personal Property on the Farm,	1765 18
Liquors on hand,	65 92
Gravel Pit,	100 00
Cash in Liquor Agent's hands,	60 66
" Town Treasurer's hands,	1050 50
" Disbursing Agent's hands,	112 35
Balance of Tax Bill due from S. Garfield,	167 79
" " C. Piper,	90 46
" " Benj. Whipple,	376 11
" due from the County,	31 20
" " Willard Mansfield,	38 00
" of Liabilities over Assets,	6167 26
Total,	$13025 43

The Selectmen recommend to raise the following Sums:

For State Tax,	2008 80
" County Tax,	1168 89
" Schools,	1500 00
" Roads and Bridges,	500 00
" Town Officers,	400 00
" Paupers,	1000 00
" Town Debt,	1000 00
" Incidentals,	300 00
" Highways,	1200 00
Total,	$9077 69

The Committee find the accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer to have been accurately kept, and that the affairs of the Town have been faithfully and prudently managed.

All of which is respecfully submitted, by

BROOKS KIMBALL,
THOMAS WHIPPLE, } *Committee.*

CHARLESTOWN, N. H., March 6, 1863.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of Charlestown, as by law required, submits to the Town the following Report for the year ending in March, 1863.

DISTRICT No. 1. The summer term was kept by Miss Lucretia Evans, a young beginner. This district has a School Library. The school room is furnished with Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Outline Maps and a clock. The winter term by Miss Sarah J. Hooper, one of our standard teachers, was very successful. The exercises of the closing examination, including declamations, reading compositions, essays, etc., attended by many visitants, were highly interesting, and reflected credit to both scholars and teacher. This school holds a high rank in Arithmetic.

The Village Precinct, embracing Districts No. 2 and 3 united under the Somersworth Act, has now three departments and four schools. Your committee has not the means to do justice to the merits of the teachers of the summer and fall terms, nor to the comparative success of the several schools. The winter term of the High School by Mr. George I. Cutler, of Papermill Village, was eminently successful. The method of instruction was thorough, and the discipline mild but firm and effectual. A comparison of the examinations of this school during the past term, with the examinations made a few years ago, shows that very marked progress has been made. The black boards and outline maps afford facilities for elucidating Geography and Arithmetic, which have been well improved. We find here a large class well advanced in the solid and useful branches. The Grammar School, under the care of

Miss Emma M. Temple, of Keene, appeared at an examination near the commencement of the term, to be ably conducted. In consequence of the illness of the teacher, the school closed the eighth week and before another examination was made. As far as your committee has learned, the parents and scholars unite in regarding the school as meritorious and successful.

Primaries. One who has had the care of children in the home circle and seen the needs of correct government and proper instruction there, has some idea of the home influence which should actuate parents and lead them to strive with all their powers for the usefulness of their schools. A teacher with forty-five or more pupils from the age of four to nine years, has the right to ask, not only the sympathy and the active support of the whole community, but the right to demand a decent school room with comfortable surroundings. In former school reports the miserable condition of the primary school rooms has been adverted to. The welfare of teachers and scholars and the cause of humanity demand that these rooms should not be used another winter. Miss Maria L. Robertson, a practical and efficient teacher, had charge of the South Primary, and conducted it with dignity and ability. Miss Mary J. Parks, teacher of the North Primary, was loved by her scholars; she conducted her school with tact and address. Singing introduced into both schools, not to be taught as a science, but practiced to prevent monotony, is one of the elements of successful teaching. The division of the Precinct into three departments or grades, and the erection of a good school-house for the higher department have given *the impulse* to education. This school house should be enlarged or others built near it. The school-houses should be located together and another department formed.

DISTRICT No. 4. The summer school, taught by Miss Sophia C. Lane, appeared well at both examinations. Mr. L. V. N. Peck, of Acworth, teacher in the Winter, was, so far as literary qualifications were required, very well qualified, and his method of instructing superior. Soon after the commencement of the term, representations were made that the school was deficient in good order. An inspection being immediately made, these representations were found true, and the teacher and school admonished of the fact. In a short time the school was again examined, the County Commissioner of Schools being present. Your committee made two more

visits to the school, endeavoring to make it a profitable one. The Prudential Committee and the inhabitants added their efforts for the same purpose. The exertions of the citizens, Prudential Committee and Superintendent did not avail. The disorder increased, and the school was closed with but little profit to the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 5. Miss Lizzie Dean, teacher in the Summer, and Mr. Thomas Dean in the Winter term, were both successful teachers; and both were fortunate in having their labors fully appreciated. This school has excellent classes in Reading, Arithmetic and Grammar.

DISTRICT No. 6. Miss Katie Whipple, kept the Summer School. Mr. Jos. D. Weeks, of Lowell, Mass. the Winter term. A spirit of insubordination which appeared, was promptly met and as promptly put down, and exact and careful discipline maintained. To high mental and literary qualifications, Mr. Weeks joined zeal and skill in teaching. Having for a series of terms had able instructors, this is now one of our first schools.

DISTRICT No. 7. Miss Merial Whipple, on taking charge of the summer school, found it in a state of disorder, and performed all that could reasonably be expected of a young teacher. This being a district in which parental influences do not extend too far in governing the school, it was unfortunate that a female teacher should have been placed in the Winter School. The scarcity of male teachers, perhaps, necessitated this course. The teacher, Miss Alice Dean, was well qualified, apt in teaching, and amiable and conciliatory in her deportment to the school. The failure of good order should not be unduly attributed to the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8. Miss Martha I. Evans, in the Summer term, was a pleasant, energetic, and interesting teacher. Miss Mary O. Lovell, of Springfield, Vt., taught and *governed* the Winter school. Thorough in instructing, and energetic in controling, she did not "spare the rod and spoil the school." We justly censure teachers for not governing our schools. Shall we not always support those who govern their schools, in taking requisite measures to do so?

DISTRICT No. 9. Miss Esther Robertson taught the Summer term. It was Miss Robertson's first school. An examination was made at the beginning of the term. The discipline appeared com-

mendable, and the arrangement of the school room and the method of instruction were good. The school closing sooner than your committee was aware, was not visited a second time. Miss M. Addie Morse, of Papermill Village, teacher in the winter, is at home in her school. The school room was kept in a neat and tasteful manner, and the walls were ornamented with appropriate mottoes. Miss Morse has kept several of our schools, and in whatever district employed has had a good school.

DISTRICT No. 11. Miss M. Addie Morse kept in the summer. The remarks of her school in District No. 9, are pertinent to this school also. Mr. George S. Russell, of Marlow, after having taught a winter school in another town, has commenced the Winter term of this school. Mr. Russell is prompt and energetic. The school, yet in session, promises to be a profitable one.

DISTRICT No. 12. Miss Susie Whipple taught the Summer term. Mr. F. W. Lewis, of West Claremont, in the Winter. Several of the scholars having been engaged as teachers, the school has no classes so far advanced as those of some of our other schools. Mr. Lewis unites excellent and ready literary attainments with aptness in imparting instruction, and prudence and dignity in conducting and governing. It would seem by the concurring testimony of the district that both schools were a success.

DISTRICT No. 13. Miss Nancy Morse taught both terms,—each in many respects a model school. Most of the pupils were young, and much of the instruction was oral. Miss Morse is one of our standard teachers, and it is a source of regret that she was not employed in a larger and more advanced school.

DISTRICT No. 14. Such have been the circumstances of this district, particularly during the winter, that no teacher that the district has the means to procure, could expect much honor in connection with the school. Miss Flora J. Hasham teacher in the Summer, and Oscar H. Clark in the Winter. Both were young beginners, and both may, with more practice and increased qualifications, become good teachers.

DISTRICT No. 10 has had no school during the year.

DISTRICT No. 15. The scholars in this district have attended the school in District No. 16, in Claremont.

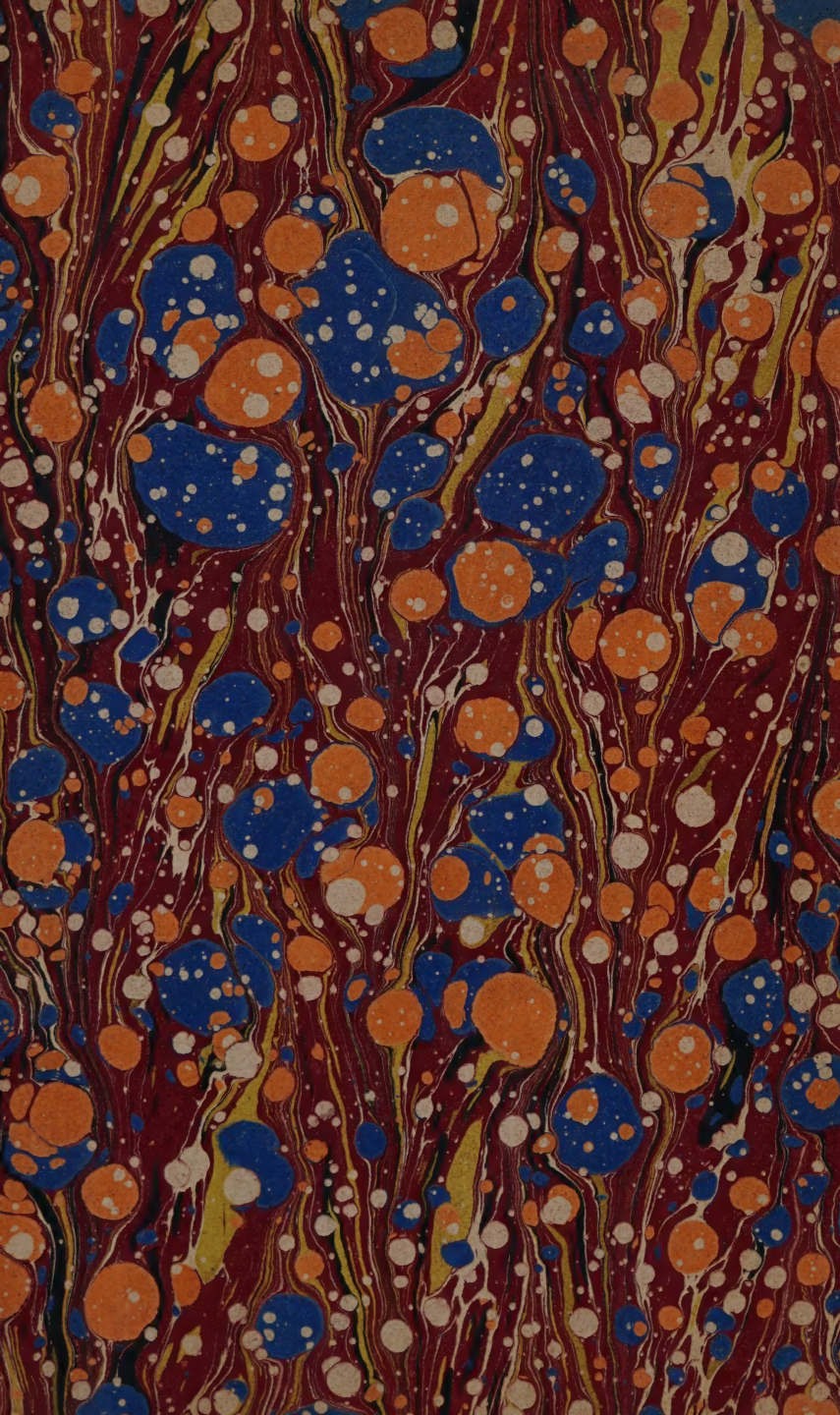
The fact has been intimated that the schools in the Village Precinct are attaining a higher character. For this there are obvious reasons. The fact should not be overlooked that our other schools are not advancing. The reasons for this are obvious also. For the past two years we have had no Teachers' Institutes. Many of our best schoolmasters have left teaching and engaged in other pursuits, and their places are supplied with younger teachers, without training, or experience. Our volunteers when called into the service of our country, are not usually sent immediately into battle. They are placed in camps of instruction and drilled by competent officers, preparatory to the duties and emergencies of the life of the soldier. Should our teachers be thrust forth to the great work of molding the immortal mind, without preparatory training? The laws authorizing and establishing Teachers' Institutes were designed to effect such training. While we admit that those laws were susceptible of improvement, we believe their repeal has inflicted a fearful injury upon our school system. If we would retrograde our schools to their condition a half century ago, we should repeal our laws for the examination of teachers and the inspection of schools. If we would have them take the position they should occupy, we must retain these laws, and re-enact the others, with improvements.

In selecting a teacher, our Prudential Committees should see that the *right* one is selected for the *particular* school. Many of our teachers for the past year are excellent; others may become so. Some should never be again engaged as teachers.

The following are the Text Books directed for the use of the schools throughout the town:—Hillard's Series of Readers: Leonard's North American Spelling Book: Part of Cornell's Series of Geographies,—that is, First Steps, Primary, and The Grammar School: Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic for the lower classes, and the National for the highest class, and Colburn's Mental Arithmetic: Wells' Grammar for the highest classes, and Tower's Grammar for the lower classes: Quackenbos' Natural Philosophy: Quackenbos' History of the United States; and the Primary History of the U. S. by the same for the lower classes: Fitch's Physical Geography: Writing Books,—Payson, Dutton & Scribner's: Davies' Algebras: Book-Keeping adapted to Payson, Dutton & Scribner's Penmanship: Worcester's Large Dictionary and Webster's Dictionary.

THOMAS WHIPPLE,
Superintending School Committee.

CHARLESTOWN, March 9, 1863.



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